

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a printer having a stapling function for binding together a plurality of sheets of printing paper that have been printed out, processing for performing  
5 stapling at a set position cannot be carried out if the set staple position and the orientation of printing paper actually set in the printer are not in conformity. Accordingly, the invention is such that a printer driver within a host computer acquires information such as the  
10 transport direction of printing paper that has been placed in a paper feed unit of the printer and limits, on the basis of this paper information, staple positions that can be set by a user. This makes it possible to execute stapling in reliable fashion.

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